

# BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

## PARISH HOUSE FOR NEW LONDON CHURCH.

Second Congregationalists Vote To Build \$25,000 Structure.

New London, Feb. 12.—The Second Congregational church at its annual meeting decided to build a large parish house on Broad street. It will be a building of two stories with a basement and will cost approximately \$25,000. The new building will be a more beautiful and better New London church than the old one. After a delay of a quarter of a century or more a granite steeple was placed on the steeple of the old church. Now the church across the way, the Third Baptist has under consideration changes in the church edifice which includes the removal of the wooden steeple on that brick edifice. On the steeple of the Third Baptist church a new steeple is being built. The new parish house is being built on Broad street and will be a more beautiful and better New London church than the old one.

Building Confirmer. It is so many years ago that one of the city banks decided to have a new banking house and in short order three other banks followed suit and in a comparatively short period there were four new bank buildings in the city. Now the building epidemic which means a more beautiful and better New London prevails among the churches. After a delay of a quarter of a century or more a granite steeple was placed on the steeple of the old church. Now the church across the way, the Third Baptist has under consideration changes in the church edifice which includes the removal of the wooden steeple on that brick edifice. On the steeple of the Third Baptist church a new steeple is being built. The new parish house is being built on Broad street and will be a more beautiful and better New London church than the old one.

Now along comes the Second Congregational church society with a proposition to erect a parish house of granite right near the church and on property owned by the society at the junction of Broad and Federal streets, the new parish house to face Broad street and opposite Memorial park. The matter of this new structure has been under consideration for a long time. The new chapel will be in full keeping with the church edifice.

Permits. Building permits granted include the following, showing that when Spring opens many buildings will be under way: Frontage and Cruise, for a frame house at Neptune park; G. B. Fields for a frame house at Ocean avenue; Estelle B. Clark for a frame house in Elliot avenue; E. A. Henkle for a frame house in Mott avenue; W. E. Peterson for a frame house in Adelaide street; and C. B. Waller for an addition to his house in Channing street.

## BUILDING OPERATIONS

### IN NEW ENGLAND.

The statistics of Building Operations in New England as compiled by The F. W. Dodge Company, follow: Contracts to Feb. 5, 1912, \$14,550,000; to Feb. 5, 1913, \$13,000,000; to Feb. 5, 1911, \$10,618,000; to Feb. 5, 1910, \$11,437,000; to Feb. 5, 1909, \$11,693,000; to Feb. 5, 1908, \$14,550,000; to Feb. 5, 1907, \$11,800,000; to Feb. 5, 1906, \$7,295,000; to Feb. 5, 1905, \$8,980,000; to Feb. 5, 1904, \$10,100,000; to Feb. 5, 1903, \$6,594,000; to Feb. 5, 1902, \$13,000,000; to Feb. 5, 1901, \$6,130,000; to Jan. 1912, \$11,339,000; to Jan. 1911, \$1,140,000; to Jan. 1910, \$3,535,000; to Jan. 1909, \$7,070,000; to Jan. 1908, \$9,568,000; to Jan. 1907, \$10,587,000; to Jan. 1906, \$6,015,000; to Jan. 1905, \$2,440,000; to Jan. 1904, \$5,740,000; to Jan. 1903, \$5,887,000; to Jan. 1902, \$4,859,000; to Jan. 1901, \$3,892,000.

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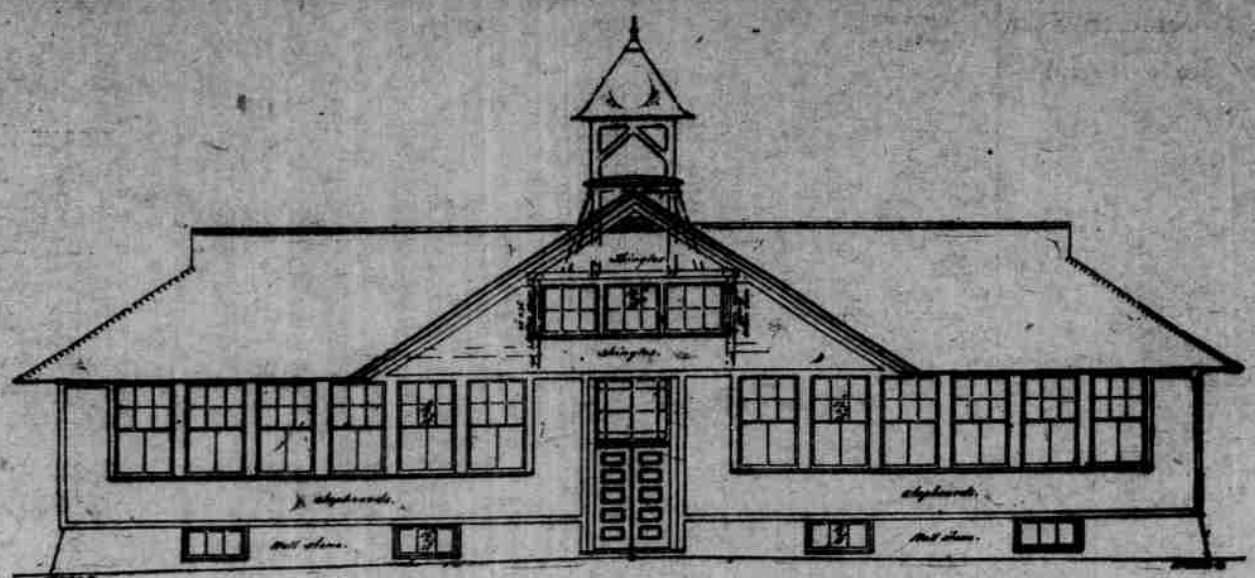
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## POQUETANUCK SCHOOLHOUSE BIDS IN

Awards Will Probably be Made This Week—Plans For New Front on Bruckner Block on Franklin Street—Progress on Contracts Here.

Bids for the erection of the new schoolhouse for the town of Preston in District No. 4, Poquetanuck, are in the hands of the town school committee and have been opened but no awards made as there was not a full attendance of the board when the bids were opened. There were seven bids, practically all from Norwich builders. The town has \$2700 to use for the erection of the schoolhouse. The award for the contract will probably be made by the end of this week.

Progress at Thermos Factory. For a week now the heating contract for the office building at the new Thermos plant has been completed and the plumbing and heating contract in the main building has also been nearly finished up this week. Pipes have been started in the two boilers to test them. The north elevator is the farthest advanced and will be practically ready for use today.

Freight House. The storms of the week hindered the work on the addition to the freight house. The flooring has been completed and the frame work and rafters for the sides and covering thereof have been put in place and but a few days will now be required to cover this in. The new platform is about 240 feet long, 35 feet wide at one end and about 17 feet wide at the other.

Finishing Fitchville Mill Addition. Contractor C. M. Williams' men are now completing the new addition to the Fitchville mill and will probably finish their work there within a few days. The addition is three stories in height and is 90x150 feet.

Pequot Foundry Nearly Done. The new foundry building for the Pequot Brass Foundry company in the rear of the plant of the Norwich Nickel & Brass company is rapidly raised.

## MIDDLETOWN.

New House to Be Constructed and Alterations and Changes Underway.

Middletown, Feb. 12.—Myshrest Bros. have the contract for the mason work and have started the foundation for a new house to be erected at Murray's Corner, Farm Hill District, for George F. Redford. Wells & Wilcox have the contract for the carpenter work. The house will be of frame construction, 34x35 feet, and will contain eight rooms, with all modern conveniences.

Contract for Alterations. John W. Glynn has been awarded the contract for the carpenter work and Myshrest Bros. the mason work for the additions and alterations to Charles W. Warner's residence on Washington street. A two-story frame addition, 12x15 feet, will be erected. New verandas with concrete floors will be built and the whole house will be stuccoed.

Addition About Done. Masons are finishing an addition to the plant of the Pickering Groverson Works in Portland.

Other Notes. The contract has been awarded for 2,000 feet of guard rail to be erected on the new Middlesex Turnpike for the State of Connecticut. The new two-family house being erected on Glover place by James Murphy is now ready for plastering. Work is well along on the three houses in Newfield for the Tuttle Brick Co. One house is being plastered and the other two are under roof.

George S. Chant's new residence in Cromwell is completed.

NIANTIC.

Niantic is making slow but sure progress towards the erection of a library building. The public library association has \$800 in the treasury for building purposes and announcement has been made of a gift of a piece of land on which to erect the building.

Minnesota in 1912 sold 2,200 acres of state lands at prices ranging from five to twenty-one dollars an acre.

nearing completion and the men are now engaged in installing the which furnaces. The building is all enclosed the roof having just been completed and the windows put in. Contractor C. M. Williams expects to complete the job in about a week. The work was held up for a day and a half by an injunction owing to a claim that the new structure encroached on neighboring property.

## Occupying New Home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Charbonneau have taken up their residence at their recently completed new home on West Thermo street. The building is an attractive two apartment house and is most modern and up-to-date in its finish and fixtures. Mr. and Mrs. Charbonneau moved into their new home on Wednesday.

The house is of two stories with a spacious attic and is 43x44 feet. Each apartment has six rooms, a central hall, veranda extending along the entire front of the building and on both the north and south sides of the house are dormer windows. The attractive structure is surmounted by a four-hip roof. E. A. Kinne was the contractor.

## Plans to Change Block.

Meyer Bruckner is planning to extend the lower story of his brick block and store at 58 Franklin street on the front a distance of three feet. Mr. Bruckner's block is a three-story building and he intends to enlarge the ground floor of the building by utilizing this strip. The front of the building will be finished in red sandstone as at present.

## Tenement House Work.

Contractors have the framework for the two-story tenement house being constructed for him during the coming season near the East Side green houses. Mr. Andem is going into the growing business for the wholesale market. A large boiler for a central steam heating plant is to be installed.

## BUILDING AND REALTY.

Activity Shown in All Branches with Numerous Projects Reported.

Real estate transactions as reported in The Commercial Record for the past week show sales greatly in excess of the first week in February of last year, the comparison being \$42 against 217 for the previous year. The amount of mortgage loans is also greater by about \$125,000.

Not so many new incorporations were recorded in the State during the week as a year ago, the figures being 11 for the week as against 14 last year, but the authorized capitalization, \$1,425,000, is nearly double that of 1912. The number of bankruptcy petitions for the week is the same as last year, eight, but the amount of assets and liabilities is very much less than the record of a year ago.

While the record of building permits granted in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford and Waterbury for the week is not large, the figures make a better showing than previous records. Sixty-one permits were granted during the week, as compared with 38 last year, for buildings costing \$121,968, against \$71,950 a year ago.

Very few large contracts have been awarded during the week, among these are a brick laundry and business block in Bridgeport, brick garage in New Haven, several frame houses in Waterbury of the better class, fine residence in Middletown, store and tenement block in Bridgeport and several frame houses of the cheaper class in almost all the larger cities of the State.

A number of new projects have been reported during the week, and the outlook for a brisk spring and summer still holds good. In Hartford plans are being prepared for a memorial building, isolation hospital, two large brick apartment blocks, several fine residences and a business block. In Stamford a fine apartment building, business block and restaurant, costing \$20,000 are reported. Bids are being received for a new schoolhouse in Winsted and plans for a schoolhouse in Waterbury will be ready for figures early next week. Plans are also being estimated for a children's home in New Britain, cold storage plant in Bridgeport, moving picture

## PUTNAM REBUILDING AFTER RECENT FIRES.

Repairs Being Made To Chickering Hotel Block—Wheaton Company Not To Restore Main Plant—Other Changes.

(Special To The Bulletin.)

Putnam, Feb. 12.—Employees of E. M. Wheaton will be hard at work this week rebuilding the Chickering hotel block, so badly damaged by fire last month. The work of restoring the roof has already commenced. On the Union street side there will be little change from the old form, but on the Front street side the badly damaged mansard roof is to be removed over a section 44 by 40 feet and another roof built on, this cutting out the third floor over that area of the building. The latter will be rebuilt along the present lines, but with various improvements.

## Summer Boarding Place.

What is known as the Judge Lynde Catlin house, built a number of years ago at Harrisville, near this city, by Contractor E. M. Wheaton, is being remodelled for use as a summer boarding place, to which purpose the dwelling was devoted with success for the first time last year. The work is now underway. The large rooms are being arranged into a number of smaller rooms, with other alterations desirable to the purpose for which the home is to be used.

## Work at Epileptic Colony.

All but the interior work on four buildings of fireproof brick for the Connecticut Epileptic colony is completed at Mansfield, the Wheaton Building and Lumber company of Putnam being the contractors. These buildings cost \$100,000 and are of fine and substantial construction.

## Large Green House.

Clinton S. Andem, who recently resigned as agent for the Grovernorale company and purchased a home in this city, is to have a large green house constructed for him during the coming season near the East Side green houses. Mr. Andem is going into the growing business for the wholesale market. A large boiler for a central steam heating plant is to be installed.

## Big Storage House.

The Wheaton Building and Lumber company, whose big plant on Front and School street was wiped out in the big fire of November 22, has plans for the erection of a big storage house on a part of the site swept by the conflagration. This structure, which is to be used for the storage of lumber, finishing stock and other materials, is to be of wood, but the site where it stood is to be left for use in the future development of the city or will be sold as a satisfactory opportunity presents itself.

## Changing Doane Place.

At Thompson work has commenced on the remodeling of the J. W. Doane place for use as a select boarding school for young ladies. Extensive alterations are being made in the property, which will be ready for use as a school at the beginning of the next school year and probably before that time.

## Building Prospects Good.

A prominent contractor doing business in this city says that building prospects are better at this time than has been the case for several years. Now instead of a surplus of rents there is getting to be a scarcity, indicating that there will be a building boom as soon as the spring season opens.

theatre in Naugatuck, business block in Bristol, residence in Greenwich costing \$25,000, business block in Derby, besides a number of small houses in New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport and Waterbury.

Norwich had seven sales last week to five a year ago, while for January the total was 34 to 16 for January in 1912. There were no mortgage loans last week, but a year ago they amounted to \$7,100. For the month they were \$42,968 against \$122,800 last year.

In five months the number of sales last week as took place the same week last year. The January sales were 15 to 16 a year ago. On mortgage loans New London reached the total of \$12,500 last week to \$1,900 a year ago while for January in the two years the totals were \$44,425 for 1912 and \$53,450 for 1912.

## WILLIMANTIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE PROGRESSING.

Building Being Pushed as Rapidly as Matter Will Permit.

(Special To The Bulletin.)

Willimantic, Feb. 12.—Contractors are pushing along the work on the new central office building for the Southern New England Telephone company on High street, as fast as the weather will permit. The masons now have the walls up about one story. It is to be two stories of brick the front face to be in stone. The plans are for the completion and use of the building this year.

The structure has a frontage of 25 feet running back 77 feet. There is a jog 33 feet from the front which leaves the extreme rear 18 feet. The commercial office will occupy the first floor on the front, the terminal apparatus room being located at the back while in the basement will be the stock room and the heater. On the second floor will be the switchboard and special locker and retiring rooms for the operating force. This will be equipped with a common battery switchboard so that when the new office is opened it will overcome the ringing by the subscriber to get central. The operation will be accomplished by simply removing the receiver from the hook.

## SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Italian Villa To Be Erected at Manchester Green.

South Manchester, Feb. 12.—Plans have been completed for an Italian villa to be erected at Manchester Green for Miss K. B. Spencer of New York city. The house will be about 52x100 feet, two stories high, constructed of red brick with a mansard roof. It will have concrete and brick terraces, and a separate building will be erected for a garage. It will be finished throughout in hard woods and provided with all the modern improvements including hot water heat, gas and electric lights, mantels, fireplace and tile bathrooms. The grounds comprise about 10 acres and the landscape will be done upon the suggestion of the architect. The garden accessories will probably include a number of imported antiques.

## Dwelling Houses.

The new two-family house being erected on the Middle Turnpike for Peter Larson is now being plastered. The new three-family house being erected on Elmore street by William Eneman is now ready to finish.

## Garage.

Gustave Schirber is building a frame garage for the E. T. Blish Co. in the rear of the old Park building on Main street.

## The Last Paris Chateau.

The Chateau de la Muette, the last of the Paris chateaux, is to be sold in Paris at a very handsome price. Its proprietor, the Count de Franqueville, writes to a Paris journal to say that the report that the chateau is to be sold is not true, but that, owing to the "absurd tax on unutilized lands," he proposes to sell some forty thousand square yards of the adjoining estate. Upon this, doubtless, will rise in time a modern suburb. Joy reads the news with a chastened joy. Round the Chateau de la Muette and the lands which have been ceded cluster many souvenirs. The Count de Franqueville, a French history as far back as the time of Charles IX. In those days it was a pavilion de chasse in the Royal domain, and round it the wild boar roared. There are still road hogs near where these things were, but one may not spare them. In mid century, the Count de Franqueville, the last of the Muettes, mentions of the first French race course, when the Duc d'Angoulême and the Duc de Joyeuse, who coached their horses, the Duc de Joyeuse won the match and that his pliqueur, or jockey, was called Le Plessis. But it was the regent who raised La Muette to its full glory. It passes from its humble estate of hunting-box to that of a full-blown chateau. Its tenant was the Duchesse de Berry. Peter the Great was among his visitors. After the Duchesse died, the regent and the chateau to Louis XV. at that time a boy of twelve. It was at La Muette that a certain Deschamps, director of the manufactory of St. Etienne, one day presented to the young Louis and the regent a new invention, the first repeating rifle. In five minutes he fired twenty rounds. But the records say that the repetitions were in vain. The rifle hit nothing. The souvenirs crowd more thickly. It was at the Chateau de la Muette that Louis XVI. received the hapless Marie Antoinette when she came to link her fate with his. Marie Antoinette loved the place, and from it she took the idea of the Petit Trianon, with its

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farm and dairies. There were bala chateaux in those days on the lawns, which will so soon be—possibly already—are covered with "hotels particular," and Marie Antoinette in them. More, she erected a ball-room on the greenward, to which she gave the name of Rameau, from the Rameau of London. Rameau and his friend the Marquis of Arlandes rose from here in a great Montgolfier balloon decorated with the fleur-de-lis, and sailed above Paris. Just before the Revolution, Louis tried to sell the chateau, but nobody would buy. Next time he came back to the place he came with twenty-five thousand others, whom the city of Paris had invited to make holiday on the "Quatorze Juillet" of 1789, and metaphorically, if not actually, there were "guyes upon his wrist," for he was the Roi Prisonnier. The Revolution tried to sell it, too, and again no one would buy the building, so it was confided to three of the architect, Chaligny and his wife. They betrayed their trust to the extent of being unable to lay their hands on a pound of candles which appeared upon the inventory. Therefore the Revolution laid hands upon them—and very violent hands—snuffing them out perfunctorily under the guillotine. So, at any rate, runs the story. In the second decade of the nineteenth century M. Brard bought the place for £32,000, and offered it to the king, but his majesty declined the gift, saying the chateau was in very good keeping in the hands of the famous maker of pianos. The present owner, the Count de Franqueville, who married the niece and heiress of Madame Brard, found the place, of course, already much dwindled from its magnificence, and now it seems in a fair way to being engulfed. Some thirty years ago the chateau was a mixture of styles, but its new owner rebuilt it. The days of its historical souvenirs have continued to the present day. It was in the chapel at La Muette that the Bishop of France met to debate on the new situation which was created by the separation of Church and State.

## King to Attend Memorial Service.

London, Feb. 12.—King George announced today that he personally would attend the memorial service for Capt. Robert F. Scott and his comrades to be held in St. Paul's cathedral.

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